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SUBJECT: NEXT ROUND OF JAPANESE TALKS ON NUCLEAR
REPROCESSING

1. DURING NISHIDA MAY 18 CALL ON NYE, NYE INDICATED THAT
PARIS AND JUNE 8-9 NOW APPEARED THE PREFERRED SITE AND
DATES FOR THE FOLLOW UP TO THE SUMMIT NUCLEAR CONSULTATIVE
TALKS. NYE PROPOSED THAT THE US-JAPAN TOKAI BILATERALS BE
HELD IN WASHINGTON MAY 31-JUNE 1, IF THE PARIS DATES PROVED
ACCEPTABLE. NISHIDA SAID HE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS, BUT THAT
A POSSIBLE EXTENSION OF THE DIET SESSION MIGHT MAKE A LATER
DATE PREFERABLE TO THE GOJ, I.E. AFTER THE DIET SESSION.

2. NISHIDA ALSO ASKED HOW WE SAW TOKAI TALKS DEVELOPING.
SCHEINMAN EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE TWO DAYS WOULD PRODUCE A
CONSENSUS TO BE FOLLOWED BY A TECHNICAL MISSION AND THEN A
UNO-SCHLESINGER MEETING TO CONCLUDE THE AGREEMENT. NISHIDA
EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT THAT MUCH PROGRESS COULD BE MADE IN
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TWO DAYS. NYE SAID THAT THE IMAI PROPOSALS WERE THE BASIS
FOR OUR OPTIMISM THAT A BROAD POLITICAL AGREEMENT COULD BE
REACHED BUT THAT WE WOULD, OF COURSE, BE WILLING TO HOLD
ADDITIONAL NEGOTIATING SESSIONS AS NECESSARY UNTIL AGREE-
MENT HAD BEEN REACHED.

3. ON A SEPARATE QUESTION, NISHIDA ASKED SCHEINMAN ABOUT

REPORTS THAT THE US, CANADA AND AUSTRALIA HAD REACHED AN AGREEMENT TO USE THE SUPPLY OF ENRICHED URANIUM AS A LEVER AGAINST CONSUMING COUNTRIES IN ORDER TO STOP REPROCESSING. SCHEINMAN EXPLAINED THAT THIS WAS A MISCONCEPTION; THE US WANTS TO DEVELOP ATTRACTIVE FUEL SUPPLY GUARANTEES WHICH INVOLVES GUARANTEES OF URANIUM ORE AVAILABILITY IN A NON-DISCRIMINATORY MANNER AND ADEQUATE ENRICHMENT CAPACITY. SCHEINMAN EXPLAINED THAT WE WOULD HOPE THESE ASSURANCES WOULD BE ADEQUATE INCENTIVES TO CAUSE COUNTRIES CONSIDERING REPROCESSING TO DEFER THOSE PLANS. CHRISTOPHER

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